

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

CHANDRIKA SAIDAPET KUMAR

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FOR: CLONING AND CHARACTERIZATION OF 5'FLANKING REGIONS
OF A HUMAN AGGRECANASE-1 GENE

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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the official action dated October 16, 2007, Applicant responds as follows:

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